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NOTES ON TALK WITH COMMANDER
ROBERT ANDERSON, USN, SKIPPER
OF THE NAUTILUS, AT 2:00 P.M.,
JULY 2, 1958

Commander Anderson dropped in and reported to General
Goodpaster, Mrs. Anne Wheaton and myself on the attempt
made by the Nautilus.

The boat left Seattle June 8th with open orders to proceed
to Panama, but instead made the first attempt on the North-
west Passage under the North Pole.

No trouble was encountered on the run from Seattle through
the Aleutian Islands and up the Bering Sea to St. Lawrence
Island. The Nautilus attempted first to pass to the
westward of St. Lawrence Island just on our side of the
United States-Russian line. Shallow water gave the boat only about 20
feet leeway, and consequently, they turned back and proceeded
south of St. Lawrence Island and made a successful passage
through the Bering Strait on the east side of the island.
Proceeded without trouble through the Bering Straight --
into the Chuckhie Sea, and it was anticipated that no trouble
would arise and that ice flows up to 40 feet deep would be
encountered. However, much to Anderson's surprise they
started to hit 80 feet of ice -- this ice apparently from the
Siberian land mass.

They proceeded northward for a while until they had only ten
feet of clearance for the ship and were forced to turn around and re-
trace their way through the Bering Sea.

Once out of the Bering Sea they radioed C & O office and were told to
proceed to Pearl Harbor. Ten days ago I worked out with Anrand?
and the Navy Department a release relieving the Nautilus of the scheduled
Arctic exploration with _____ in August and announcing that the
Navy was sending the Nautilus to Pearl Harbor for a month to engage
in indoctrination procedures our our submarine fleet at our Pacific
Headquarters at Pearl Harbor. This went off all right, and the
Nautilus proceeded to Pearl, Commander Anderson flew back fro
Pearl to make a report to C&O AND TO US HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.